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For: ELECTRODE FOR TREATMENT )  
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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

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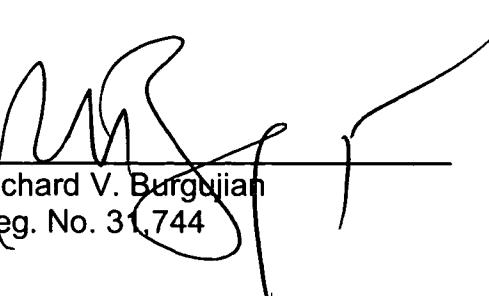
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